Air ſs. At a Quarter-Seſsion, held at *Air*, the 5th day of *February*, 1657. By his Highneſs OLIVER Lord Protector his Juſtices, aſsigned to keep the Publick-Peace in the Shire of *Air*.

HIS Highneſſe Juſtices of Peace for the ſaid Shire, in the purſuance of the Truſt repoſed in them, and for remedy of ſeveral abuſes, not formerly rectified, have ordered as followeth:

I. That the Conſtables in their reſpective Towns and Pariſhes within the ſaid Shire, ſhall call for two or three beſt knowing and skilful men, in the diſcerning of the ſufficiency and inſufficiency of Meal, Malt, Fleſhes, and Shoes, And to ſurvey and ſight the ſame each Mercat-day in time of Mercat, or any other day and place of the ſelling of the foreſaid Commodities; and if any inſufficient Goods be found, to bring the ſeller thereof before the neareſt Juſtice of Peace, to be puniſhed as the ſaid Juſtice ſhall think fit.

II. That no Veals be killed or ſold under fifteen dayes old; And if any be found to contravene this Order, the Conſtables are authorized to bring the killers and ſellers thereof before the neareſt Juſtice of Peace, to be puniſhed in manner foreſaid.

III. That the Conſtables in their reſpective Towns and Pariſhes, with the Surveyors or Viſiters aforeſaid, are to take notice and make diligent ſearch of all inſufficient Ale and Beer that is vended and ſold, and to bring the venders and ſellers thereof before the neareſt Juſtice of Peace, to be puniſhed and fined at his diſcretion.

IV. That no White-bread be ſold by the Bakers and ſellers thereof, above twelve penies Scots, at twelve ounces weight, it being good and ſufficient Bread, of good and ſufficient flower, which is to be ſurveyed and ſighted in manner aforeſaid; And if it be found above the ſaid price, or under the ſaid weight, or made of inſufficient flower, that they ſhall be convened and puniſhed in manner foreſaid.

V. That no inſufficient Shoes, made of inſufficient Leather, be ſold, which is to be ſurveyed in manner foreſaid; And if it be found otherwayes, that the makers and ſellers thereof are to be convened and puniſhed as ſaid is.

VI. That all ſorts of Meaſures and Weights made uſe of by Merchants, ſellers and buyers, to be conform to the Act of Parliament, which is to be ſurveyed and ſighted in manner foreſaid; And if found otherwayes, to bring the owners and havers of the ſame, before the neareſt Juſtice of Peace, to be puniſhed as he thinks fit: And in the mean time to take the wrong Meaſures and Weights from them, and to diſpoſe thereof at the ſaid Juſtice his order: Alwayes this being without prejudice of Meaſures betwixt Maſters and Tennants for uplifting of their yearly Farms and Rents, as hath been formerly in uſe and wount.

VII. That no Smith take any more for working of each pound weight of Plow-Irons, or of any other rough work whereupon the File cometh not, but ten penies Scots, and no more: And the givers and takers of more to be puniſhed in manner foreſaid.

VIII. That the Weavers are to have for weaving each Ell of Harden or round Linen, under ten heers in the pound (being ſufficiently woven) but twelve penies Scots and no more, without bountieth. And for each heer of Yarn above ten heers in the pound, one peny Scots and no more: And the givers and takers of more to be puniſhed in manner foreſaid. As alſo, it is ordered, That the Weavers not only make good and ſufficient Cloath upon the reſpective prices aforeſaid; but likewiſe that they work it timouſly, and keep their Agreements with all perſons. As alſo, That no Weaver refuſe to take in Webbs upon the prices here ſet down, in contempt of the foreſaid Order: And who ever ſhall be found to contravene the ſame, ſhall be puniſhed in manner foreſaid. And as for the price for weaving of Woollen-Cloath, Serges, Camlets, Floured-Stuffs, Coverings, and ſuch like; together with the breadth of the foreſaid Linen-Cloath, is to be taken to conſideration at the next Quarter-Seſſion.

IX. That the Candle-makers, or ſellers thereof, take no more for each pound of good and ſufficient Candle, nor four ſhillings Scots: And the givers and takers of more to be puniſhed in manner foreſaid.

X. VVhereas there is no particular price of Herds Fees ſet down in the late printed Acts made anent Fees, &c. Therefore it is ordered, that the Juſtices in their ſeveral Diviſions ſhall have power to determine therein as they think juſt.

XI. Ordered, That no VVomen be permitted to travel with Men through the Shire, under pretext of Marriage, without having a Certificate of their Marriage, and a Paſſe from two or more of his Highneſſe Juſtices of Peace.

XII. That no Men nor Women that are fit for ſervice, or have uſed to ſerve for Fees or Wages, be permitted to live alone in houſes by themſelves, or in the family of others not in actual ſervice with them, in any place of this Shire; but that they be cauſed to ſerve for the Fees that are appointed; and if they refuſe, to be puniſhed as aforeſaid.

XIII. That the perſons foreſaids, called for by the Conſtables to be aſſiſting to them in ſurveying the whole particulars above-mentioned, are to make faith for their faithful diſcharge of their Truſt, as Surveyors or Viſiters, before the neareſt Juſtice of Peace in that Diviſion; And if any of them refuſe to accept of the Office in manner foreſaid, the Conſtables are to bring them before the neareſt Juſtice of Peace, to be fined and puniſhed at his diſcretion.

XIV. Whereas there are many ſtrange, ſtrong, ſturdy and idle Beggars, whereof ſome are lame Souldiers, others Vagabonds and idle perſons; as counterfeit Ægyptians, and ſuch like, ſtill haunting and begging within this Shire; through which ſeveral Thefts and Robberies are committed, notwithſtanding of ſeveral Acts of Parliament made to the contrary: It is therefore ordered, That all ſuch perſons ſhall forthwith be apprehended, and brought before the neareſt Juſtice of Peace, to be puniſhed conform to the Act of Parliament made there-anent.

XV. Whereas there are ſeveral poor Orphans that have no livelihood, as alſo many indigent weak and aged perſons begging through the Shire, not confining themſelves to their reſpective Pariſhes where they were born, or have cohabited, contrary to the Act of Parliament made there-anent; It is therefore ordered, That all ſuch perſons ſhall forthwith return to their ſaid reſpective Pariſhes, and there give up their names to the Conſtables, and others authorized for that effect within the ſaid Pariſh; And the names ſo given up, are to be brought in to the Clerk of the Peace betwixt and the next Quarter-Seſſion held after the publication hereof, to the effect ſome regular courſe may be taken for their maintenance in all time coming; And in the mean time ordains the reſpective Pariſhes to maintain their reſpective Poor until that be done; And if any faile or neglect to give up their names, as ſaid is, they ſhall be holden as ſtrangers and vagabonds, and extruded the Shire.

XVI. That if any Pariſh wherein any Theft or Robbery is committed, do not anſwer the *Hue and Cry* raiſed upon the committing thereof, and follow the Conſtable in the purſuit till he return, ſuch Pariſh ſhall be liable for payment of the Goods and Geir robbed and ſtolen, or ſo much thereof as the ſaids Juſtices ſhall find cauſe for.

ORdered, That the ſeveral Articles concerning the particulars above-mentioned, be forthwith Printed, and Publiſhed at the Mercat-Croſſes, and reſpective Pariſhes within the ſaid Shire. The ſeveral Conſtables of each Town and Pariſh are hereby ordered to ſee the ſame done accordingly.

Mr. WILLIAM CALDWELL, Cl. of the Peace.

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